

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Doug Hermanson checked anglers on local lakes including Lake Gogebic. One angler was in possession of undersized bass and another had failed to purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho worked Gwinn area lakes and observed two subjects fishing from a canoe place an undersized bass on a stringer. Contact revealed several warrants for one subject and no fishing license for the other. Both subjects were ticketed for the violations. Another boat with three anglers was observed with the boat operating carelessly. When contacted, two of the subjects did not have fishing licenses and there were no personal flotation devices (PFDs) on the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman received a complaint of subjects camping around Big Trout Lake and leaving a mess behind. Officer Leadman located a fire ring containing a large amount of trash left unburned in it. The trash contained a pay stub for a subject who lived one-half mile away. Contact was made and a ticket was issued for the litter. The subjects were warned for camping without a permit and the site was cleaned up.

CO Ryan Aho worked marine patrol on several inland lakes in Marquette County over the weekend. A jetski operator on Lake Michigamme was observed towing a child on a tube without an observer. Another vessel was checked without the necessary PFDs onboard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Aho was getting fuel in his patrol truck at a gas station in Gwinn. While fueling, a side by side ORV pulled up to the gas pump next to the CO. CO Aho observed the driver attempt to hide his open can of beer while the passenger stumbled out of the ORV without noticing the CO next to him. Both subjects were in possession of open cans of beer and had just been operating down the state highway. Both subjects were ticketed for illegally possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO Elton Luce was driving down highway M-95 when a vehicle passed him at a very high rate of speed. An oncoming car had to swerve off the highway to avoid a head on collision. Officer Luce was able to catch up to the speeding vehicle and make the traffic stop. The speeding vehicle had been clocked at over 85 mph with a posted speed limit of 55 mph. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Wicklund and Doug Hermanson checked a pair of anglers who were fishing from a dock and inquired how their luck was. The anglers stated that they had caught a 16 and 17 inch bass. When the COs checked the grass where the bass were, they observed a 12 inch bass that the pair had failed to inform them about. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund was on marine patrol when he heard a subject whistle and then proceed to "moon" him. The subject stated that his friends were telling him to moon the next boat that came close to the dock and didn't actually think he would do it. Unfortunately for him, the next boat that came by was a CO. A long talk ensued about public decency and consuming alcohol.

CO Jason Wicklund assisted the US Forest Service (USFS) with a litter complaint. Several bags of household garbage were left at a Forest Service day use area and set on fire. Unfortunately for them, the bags did not fully burn. A USFS officer dug through the remains and found a possible suspect but was unable to locate her current address. CO Wicklund investigated further and was able to determine where one of the suspects worked. After a short interview a confession was received and enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Wicklund and Brian Bacon spent a weekend afternoon patrolling state land for illegal camping. Over a dozen sites were found in violation for failing to register their camp sites. One individual decided he would just set up camp at the access site due to other sites being occupied. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Wicklund and Brian Bacon contacted a couple fishing at a local dam. When the male subject saw the COs approaching, he disappeared and then reappeared a short time later. After the contact both COs thought that the individuals were acting suspicious, but nothing was observed during the contact. Several hours later, CO Wicklund was on his way home when he pulled into a different access site and observed the same vehicle and individuals. Once again the male subject spotted the CO and disappeared into the brush as the CO made his way to them. After the contact, the CO left the area and hiked back with his spotting scope to watch and see if his suspicions were correct. Shortly after setting up, the CO observed the couple engaging in drug activity. A Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper was called to assist and they re-contacted the individuals. The pair was in possession of drug paraphernalia, marijuana and hashish as well as prescription drugs. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Kevin Postma was on routine fish patrol along the Charlotte River when a reckless driver came speeding down a nearby road then wound up along the river's edge. The CO made it to his patrol truck and proceeded after the out-of-control driver. Upon contact, the two young men in the vehicle thought the whole thing was funny. A ticket was issued to the driver for careless operation of a motor vehicle. At this point it didn't seem quite as humorous to them.

CO Kyle Publiski was awarded a "Professional Excellence Award" from the MSP for his exhaustive efforts in a search and rescue for a missing subject on Drummond Island. The female had been missing for hours after becoming lost while walking in the woods with her dog. The dog ran after a deer as a severe snowstorm was moving in and she

attempted to find her dog. The snow covered her tracks and disorientated her which left her helpless until CO Publiski located her just before dark.

CO Mike Hammill was checking anglers along the Tahquamenon River when he observed a subject attempting to quickly leave the riverbank and get to his vehicle. Upon contact the man said he wasn't fishing. When the CO mentioned some of the things he was observed doing while fishing, he admitted he was and that he didn't have a license.

DISTRICT 3

CO Matt Theunick responded to a complaint of two golden retrievers running at large that had killed a fawn, where the complainants had witnessed it occurring. The dogs' owner was identified and interviewed and warrants are pending review by the prosecutor.

While off duty, CO Carl VanderWall was approached by an acquaintance who told him he had just picked up a fawn the day before because it appeared "abandoned" and wanted to know what he should do with it. CO VanderWall advised him it was doubtful the fawn was abandoned, and the doe normally leaves the fawn for a time period, then returns. The CO advised him to immediately return the fawn to where it was taken from. Three weeks later a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint was received that the same subject had a fawn in a fenced area in his backyard. When the subject who took the fawn was contacted, he stated he wasn't sure if he still had it, but to just go get it if he did. CO VanderWall and Sgt. Greg Drogowski went to the residence, captured the fawn and relocated it. The subject will be issued a ticket for keeping wildlife in captivity without a license.

CO Mike Feagan responded to an illegal burning complaint where a large abandoned trailer was burned. The subject claimed he was welding and the sparks must have lit the debris on fire. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski responded to a domestic incident in which a mentally unstable and intoxicated subject was threatening to kill his mother. A local deputy was first to arrive on the scene, just as the suspect was departing in a pickup truck. The suspect rammed the deputy's patrol car head on, pushing it into a county road, where an oncoming vehicle struck the patrol car in the rear end. All vehicles involved were disabled, and the injured deputy ordered the suspect out of his truck and on the ground. The suspect refused to get down and a TASER was used. The suspect was then taken into custody. Assistance was given to the injured, investigation of the scene, and with traffic control.

CO Mark DePew watched two anglers as they caught numerous bass and never threw one back. Upon contacting the subjects, they were found in possession of nine largemouth bass with five of them being undersized. Tickets were issued to both nonresident anglers.

CO Mark DePew observed a vehicle driving 30 mph under the speed limit and driving exclusively in a turn lane. CO DePew activated his emergency lights and the driver immediately made a U-turn, nearly striking an oncoming car. Once stopped the CO found the driver highly intoxicated; he was arrested and lodged in the Otsego County Jail.

DISTRICT 4

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski had been working with the USFS and local law enforcement authorities on a rash of breaking and entering of campground pay pipes at USFS and State Forest Campgrounds. A BOL was broadcast with a vehicle description of the suspect vehicle. A local deputy located and stopped the suspect vehicle which contained components for the manufacture of methamphetamine. It was determined that the suspects were staying at a local campground. Both COs assisted in securing evidence from the campsite which included additional meth components and evidence from the pay pipe thefts. The next day it was discovered that additional campsite pay pipes had been broken into. Later that evening, CO Converse stopped a vehicle that was stopped in the dark at a state campground pay pipe. With CO Koscinski's assistance, evidence from this stop developed two additional suspects that were eventually linked to the original suspects. Evidence seized from the stop included a broken lock from one of the campgrounds and a chain that had been used to break into the pipes. All evidence will be turned over to a task force that is investigating the local crime spree.

CO Brian Brosky responded to a charter boat that was dead in the water over five miles from the Port of Ludington. CO Brosky was able to maneuver his patrol boat into position and assist in freeing the charter boat from an unmarked commercial fish net. Upon freeing the vessel from the net, it was still unserviceable and CO Brosky was able to safely tow the vessel back to the harbor. CO Brosky returned to the unmarked net with Commercial Fish Specialist Steve Huff and together they added additional markings onto the net until it was recovered from the water.

COs Jeff Ginn and Brian Lebel were patrolling power lines for illegal ORV activity when they observed a vehicle approaching them from behind and quickly turn off and park. The COs contacted the operator and discovered that he was driving on an expired license, improper plates, no vehicle insurance and in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was patrolling Hart Lake when he observed a vessel with four subjects aboard who were fishing. Upon contacting the subjects, only one of the four had a valid fishing license. Along with the fishing license violations, the watercraft was unregistered and there were no PFDs on the boat. Enforcement action was taken, including arresting one of the subjects for providing a fake identification card and being suspected of being an illegal immigrant. The subject was turned over to the US Border Patrol.

CO Mike Wells was working a national canoe race event when he observed a vessel operating with an expired registration. Upon contacting the operator, it was determined that he had operated the vessel all of last season with the boat registered to the previous owner. CO Wells issued a ticket for the expired registration and provided a verbal warning for failure to transfer the registration.

DISTRICT 5

CO Matt Liestenfeltz received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint regarding an individual selling Painted and Snapping Turtles on the internet. CO Liestenfeltz contacted the suspects and made arrangements to purchase some turtles. With the assistance of Wildlife Resource Protection Unit Detectives, COs Chuck McPherson, and Steve Lockwood, three Painted and four Snapping Turtles were purchased from two individuals in Crawford County. Both subjects were ticketed on multiple charges including Illegal Commercialization of Reptiles. Since the arrest, both subjects plead guilty to all charges, were fined \$750.00 each, and had their hunting and fishing privileges revoked for the remainder of 2013 and all of 2014.

CO John Huspen contacted two subjects fishing on Jones Lake in Crawford County which is limited to "catch-and-release with artificial lures only". Both subjects were fishing with illegal gear and were in possession of panfish. CO Huspen ticketed both subjects for using illegal gear on restricted fishing waters and donated the illegal fish to two youth fishing legally in the area.

CO Mike Hearn received a complaint of a subject operating a dozer near a small inland lake. CO Hearn determined that the work was being done in a small cove area that could not be seen from any access points to the lake. CO Hearn located the suspect at the property where a pond had been dug and a channel with a culvert had been installed connecting the pond to the lake. No permits had been issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the suspect was ordered to cease activities. CO Hearn is working with DEQ staff to take enforcement action.

CO Mark Papineau investigated a complaint regarding a large pile of household debris dumped on state land. In digging through the debris, CO Papineau located several pieces of information linking it to a possible suspect. During the attempt to track down the suspect, CO Papineau was advised by local deputies that more piles of trash were found in different locations, all belonging to the same individual. The suspect was contacted and subsequently informed the CO that the property in question was supposed to be in a storage unit. CO Papineau interviewed the owner of the storage unit and learned that the tenant had been evicted due to lack of payment. The contents of the storage unit were then sold to a local resident who confessed to dumping the items of no use onto state land. Enforcement action was taken along with a requirement to clean up all of the dumped materials.

While conducting marine patrol on Smallwood Lake, CO Mark Papineau observed a subject fishing from a boat and contacted the angler who advised that he had

purchased a fishing license; however, he did not have it with him. After a check of the computer license system, CO Papineau discovered the angler had not purchased a license since 2007. In addition to not having a fishing license, several marine violations were present including no PFDs and an unregistered vessel. The angler was ticketed for fishing without a license and the vessel owner was ticketed for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Mark Papineau located a vehicle parked on state land in Gladwin County. After an hour, CO Papineau observed two individuals walking through the woods wearing hip boots and carrying a cooler. When CO Papineau contacted the subjects, they quickly attempted to hide the cooler which contained drug paraphernalia. COs Papineau and Steve Lockwood were able to back track the subjects' path through the woods and located and seized 100 marijuana plants with a street value of \$100,000. Warrants are being sought through the Prosecutor's Office.

COs Steve Lockwood and Jason McCullough located a large group of underage drinkers at a SFC in Gladwin County. Numerous parents were called for notification and pick up. In one case, a 15-year old female subject provided false information as to her name, date of birth, and parental information. In addition, the subject refused to cooperate with the administration of a preliminary breath test. A report is being forwarded to the probate court.

CO Warren MacNeill was called to assist at a scene where a son was chasing his father with a tire iron. The suspect was refusing to cooperate with local law enforcement. CO MacNeill had been forced to use his TASER on this individual in a previous similar situation. Upon CO MacNeill's arrival and sight of his TASER, the suspect immediately stopped his violent activity and surrendered to the authorities.

COs Brian Olsen and Phil Hudson were on marine patrol on a busy local lake when they observed a vessel towing several young children. There was no observer in the boat to alert the driver if a safety issue arose. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

CO Phil Hudson was on foot patrol along Saginaw Bay and observed a subject taking rabbits out of season with a shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in heavy fog on Lake Huron, CO Seth Rhodea located a boat with two anglers who were fishing with too many lines. A check of the boat owner's name revealed that he had been ticketed in the past for fishing with too many lines. Another ticket was issued.

COs Seth Rhodea and Josh Wright were checking anglers along the Quanicassee River when CO Rhodea observed an angler fishing on the opposite shore. Upon contacting the angler, the CO found the subject did not have a valid fishing license, and tried to

claim he wasn't fishing, even though the CO was standing next to him with a fish on the hook attached to his pole. A ticket was issued.

CO Chad Foerster was on his way home after working the Bay City River Roar when his patrol truck was nearly struck by another motorist. The CO stopped the suspect vehicle and found the driver operating under the influence of alcohol and with a blood alcohol level of twice the legal limit. Sgt. Tony Soave assisted CO Foerster when the female driver's boyfriend became irate. The operator was ultimately arrested and lodged at the county jail for operating under the influence, driving while license suspended, and reckless driving.

CO Nick Atkin was on marine patrol when he checked two anglers. The CO asked the anglers how many walleye they had caught and they replied they had caught nine. During the check the CO located 13 walleye in the live well. Enforcement action was taken.

While launching the patrol vessel, CO Nick Atkin witnessed a subject pulling two children on a tube with a pontoon boat with no observer onboard. While tubing, one of the children's PFDs fell off the child. The operator of the vessel failed to see the child without a PFD due to the fact he did not have an observer. The children were yelling and waving their arms to try to get the attention of the operator so he would stop the vessel. After approximately 250-300 yards the operator finally observed the child without the PFD and stopped the vessel. The CO made contact with vessel and the operator advised he had been boating for years and knew he needed a spotter. During the safety check of the vessel, the operator also failed to provide the required PFDs for the number of passengers onboard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was on marine patrol when he observed an angler fishing with too many lines. While approaching the vessel, the angler was quickly reeling in the extra line. The CO contacted the angler and asked how many lines he had out. The angler replied "four." The CO then asked how many walleye the angler had onboard. The angler stated "one too many." Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 7

CO Gary Raak assisted Environmental Investigator Chuck Dodgers with an illegal dredging investigation in Pickerel Cove on Gun Lake in Barry County. After being denied a dredging permit in 2011 the landowner was able to locate a new excavating company who was willing to remove eleven truckloads of fill, which accounted for approximately 10 cubic yards of bottomland soil and aquatic vegetation each from Gun Lake before they were apprehended. The DEQ has required the landowner to replace all bottomland removed and plant new natural aquatic vegetation. Formal charges for the violation have been requested on the landowner to the Prosecuting Attorney for Barry County by CO Raak as well.

CO Brad Brewer checked a lake resident fishing from his pier. The subject stated that he had lived on the lake for 10 years and had always purchased a Michigan fishing license, but had forgotten to buy one this year. A computer check showed that the subject has never purchased a Michigan fishing license. Enforcement action taken.

CO Andy Bauer teamed up with COs Jeff Robinette and Steve Mooney this past week for patrols on Lake Michigan. The patrols led to three subjects being issued tickets for fishing with too many lines, the most being ten lines for two subjects, and five subjects being issued tickets for fishing Michigan waters in southern Lake Michigan without Michigan fishing licenses. Warnings were also issued for various fishing and marine violations.

COs Dave Rodgers and Chris Simpson worked with the Wildlife Resources Protection Unit while investigating a case where a suspect placed an ad and was attempting to sell catfish using a social media web site. Contact was made with the suspect and a purchase of 14 catfish taken from the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County was made by detectives. Officers arrested the subject after the sale for selling sport caught fish, driving while license suspended and an outstanding arrest warrant. Investigating officers advised this subject also had previous felony convictions for drug and firearms violations.

CO Dave Rodgers was accompanied by a reporter recently who was writing an article on a typical patrol day of a Michigan Conservation Officer. During the patrol, CO Rodgers observed an angler take and retain an undersized bass at the Sixth Street Dam; he contacted and ticketed the angler. He then was contacted along the river by a Boy Scout troop and was requested to give an impromptu presentation on the duties of a conservation officer. CO Rodgers continued his patrol to the Lowell SGA and the Flat River Dam where he located and ticketed three persons fishing without licenses and retaining three undersized bass that were thrown back into the river on a stringer as he approached. After being assured these were the only fish the group had taken, CO Rodgers located a bag hidden in the grass containing seven additional undersized smallmouth bass.

CO Dave Rodgers responded to a RAP complaint of an unregistered boat being operated on a small Kent County lake. After locating the boat and checking the occupants along the shore, CO Rodgers found the unregistered boat and both occupants who were fishing without licenses. While one angler went on about his participation in numerous bass tournaments, CO Rodgers discovered he had not purchased a fishing license since 2011. The second occupant of the boat was wanted on outstanding warrants and taken into custody. In this case, tickets were issued for violations and one subject was transported to the Kent County Jail.

DISTRICT 8

CO Dan Bigger, while on vacation in Florida and eating dinner with his family, observed a male at the adjacent table begin to shake. When the subject dropped his fork while

attempting to eat, CO Bigger rushed to the subject and reached him before he hit the floor and went unconscious. CO Bigger assisted the subject to the ground and was able to call out for someone to call 911. CO Bigger was able to detect a slight pulse and advised he would monitor the subject while emergency personnel were en route. The subject regained semi consciousness and was able to provide his name but could not remember what happened. His wife advised that he had had a history of strokes in the past. After turning the subject over to emergency personnel, it was learned that initial prognosis was the subject had suffered a stroke and was being taken to the hospital for immediate treatment.

CO Shane Webster and Sgt. Troy Bahlau worked the Michigan Center Carp Carnival over the weekend in Jackson County. The COs observed a vessel operating against the flow of traffic in a clockwise manner with two occupants dancing while standing on seats in the vessel. The vessel was stopped and it was determined that the operator's ability to operate was impaired by alcohol. All passengers appeared very intoxicated, with two of them falling down inside the boat during the COs' contact. The vessel and passengers were turned over to a sober relative who was brought out to the location of the stop to operate the vessel safely back to shore. The operator was lodged in the county jail.

While on a late night patrol, CO Shane Webster and Sgt. Troy Bahlau stopped a vessel operating across a very dark lake with no navigation lights. The only light being used was a small keychain style flashlight being held by one of the occupants. Upon attempting to stop the vessel, the COs observed a passenger reach over the operator to take the vessel out of gear. The female operator was put through sobriety tests and it was determined she was highly intoxicated. The operator was lodged in the county jail where it was determined her alcohol content was over twice the legal limit.

CO Todd Thorn checked an angler on a local lake who stated that he was a tribal member so he didn't need a fishing license. The man did not know what tribe and did not produce a tribal card or a fishing license. He was then informed that he was not within a treaty area and he needed to have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn contacted a man under investigation for dumping a large amount of litter in the Dansville SGA. After obtaining written and verbal statements from the individual, he was placed under arrest due to the existence of three outstanding warrants. The man was transported to the local jail and a complaint and warrant request will be submitted through the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office for the littering violation.

While patrolling a stretch of the Grand River in downtown Lansing, CO Todd Thorn contacted two individuals in a small motorized boat that did not have MC numbers. There was fishing equipment in the boat and there were no PFDs. CO Thorn asked to check fishing licenses and one of the individuals produced a Texas ID and a resident fishing license. CO Thorn asked the subjects to return their boat to the dock, which was

nearby. At the landing, the CO checked further on the subject with the Texas ID and found that he had two warrants. When CO Thorn informed the subject that he was under arrest, he took off running. CO Thorn pursued on foot and caught him about 100 yards away. The subject was taken into custody for the warrants and resist and obstruct charges will be sought.

CO Jason Smith was patrolling along the Huron River when he watched an angler get out of his car and start to fish. CO Smith contacted the angler and was given a fishing license and a State of Michigan ID card. CO Smith asked the angler if he had driven down to the park and he indicated that he had. CO Smith asked to see a driver's license and the angler stated that he didn't have it on him because it was in his other wallet and all he had on him was his "fishing wallet." CO Smith checked to see if he had a valid driver's license and learned that the angler had two warrants for his arrest. CO Smith arrested the angler and lodged him in the Washtenaw County Jail.

CO Derek Miller was on patrol on state land and found two subjects coming out of the woods at dark near a boat launch. Upon asking the subjects what they were doing, they told him they were checking out some deer blinds they found earlier in the year. CO Miller found their story to be a little strange and asked them to show him the deer blinds. CO Miller escorted the subjects back into the woods and found a small deer blind made of wood. CO Miller also observed a plot of land that had been freshly tilled. Upon closer inspection, the CO discovered approximately 30 marijuana plants that had been planted on state land. CO Miller is currently working with the narcotics team on the grow operation and the two subjects involved. Charges are pending.

CO Derek Miller was patrolling the Huron River and observed a group of anglers from shore. The CO contacted one of the anglers to see how they were doing. One subject advised CO Miller the he did not have any luck and that his license was at home. Upon checking the subject for a license, CO Miller discovered that he hadn't purchased a license in five years. After looking around CO Miller located a bucket under the bridge. The subject stated that it was his bucket, but that it was just for when he caught fish if needed. Upon checking the bucket CO Miller located several undersized fish. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While checking vessels at the Belleville Lake boat ramp, Sgt. Arthur Green heard a dirt bike operating in the adjoining neighborhood. As he was checking the area a citizen stopped him to complain about the dirt bikes speeding up and down the street. Sgt. Green saw the dirt bike one block over and went to make contact with the operator. The rider was identified and the owner of the dirt bike was contacted. The dirt bike was unregistered and the VIN number could not be found. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett and an intern observed several persons fishing at the warm-water discharge of the Consumers Power plant in Erie. As they approached the group, one of the anglers decided to sit several feet away from the pole he had been using. His

partner then began to use that same pole. CO Ennett told them he had been watching them for some time, and that the attempted diversion would not work. The first subject was ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Lacelle Rabon reports nearly every fishing location along the Detroit River shoreline was filled with White Bass anglers. At one place, an angler had 19 White Bass in a bucket and when CO Rabon asked who caught the fish, no one would respond or admit to catching the fish. A closer check of the bucket revealed two undersized smallmouth bass that were still alive and were returned to the water. After checking other anglers who had not caught any fish, CO Rabon shared the catch with anglers who had fishing licenses. During the same patrol, when anglers observed CO Rabon approaching, the unlicensed anglers ran off and left behind a cooler full of White Bass. Once again the contents of the cooler were shared with anglers who had fishing licenses and had not caught their limits.

Sgt. Arthur Green and CO Mike Drexler worked a marine patrol on the Detroit River. One vessel was stopped for failing to display registration numbers or decals. The occupants stated that they had been operating the vessel for approximately three weeks and they were planning on ordering the numbers online soon. The vessel was also missing some important safety equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft was checking anglers on Squaw Lake in Oxford when he contacted two men with a large number of panfish in their boat. CO Kieft counted the fish and determined that they were four fish over their limit. CO Kieft asked if they had ever had any previous violations with the DNR in the past and both answered "No." Further investigation revealed that one of the subjects had been arrested for two previous DNR-related violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol checking a local gravel pit in Oakland County, CO Ben Shively observed a subject trespassing and fishing from shore on one of the lakes. CO Shively made his way into the gravel pit through the locked gates and located the subject along with four others fishing and trespassing. CO Shively also located two others that were not with the group who had driven an SUV around a gate and back to the lake. CO Shively checked the first group through LEIN and found that three of the five subjects had four warrants for their arrest. All warrants were either out of range or were advise and release. All five in the group and one from the second group were ticketed for recreational trespass.

CO Ben Shively responded to a complaint of two subjects catching and keeping undersized bass in southern Oakland County. The complainant reported that he observed two individuals over the last hour catch and keep numerous bass that were less than 14 inches and place them in a cooler on a dock. CO Shively arrived at the lake and contacted the subjects on the dock and found that there were four subjects fishing. CO Shively checked the cooler and recovered four largemouth bass that were undersized. Enforcement action taken.

CO Mark Ennett and an intern were in the south part of Monroe and came upon a group of anglers at the Halfway Creek Access Site. They were able to observe and verify fishing activity of all four present. Upon requesting licenses, they all claimed they thought they were in Ohio. They were not, and were in fact in a posted Michigan DNR Boat Launch facility. Also, two anglers did not even have Ohio fishing licenses. All four were ticketed.

CO Mike Drexler was conducting a marine patrol on the Detroit River when he observed a vessel violating the "no wake" ordinance. The vessel was carrying enough speed that it took the CO approximately three-quarters of a mile to catch up to it. Once the operator stopped CO Drexler learned that a four year old child was climbing around the deck of the vessel the entire time without wearing a PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft was patrolling the Squaw chain of lakes when he contacted the operator of a PWC that was operating within 100 feet of the shoreline. The registration for the watercraft was also expired and the MC numbers were below the high watermark and not visible. The operator was followed back to the PWC owner's property where a number of other "expired" vessels were docked. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft contacted two subjects fishing along the shore of Townsend Lake. One of the subjects had three arrest warrants while the other subject was in possession of an undersized largemouth bass. A ticket was issued for the 10 inch undersized bass and the other subject was arrested and transported to the Oakland County Jail.

CO Brandon Kieft observed two subjects carrying backpacks run into the woods of the Holly State Recreation Area around dusk. The park was just closing for the evening and the subjects lied when contacted by the CO. One subject stated that they were looking for a lost cell phone even though both of them had phones in their pockets. A search of their backpacks revealed discs for disc golf, a loaded handgun, baggies of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia. They were given warnings about entering the park after hours and warrants will be sought for the other violations.

A St. Clair County resident pled guilty to taking a sturgeon during the closed season resulting from an investigation on a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint by COs Ben Shively and Kris Kiel. The subject was fined \$500, assessed \$1,500 restitution for the sturgeon, and had his fishing rights revoked until December 31st, 2014.

CO Kris Kiel and an intern responded to a RAP complaint at a local Wal-Mart where an employee witnessed a subject drive through a family of Canada geese in the parking lot, killing three, and then fled the scene. The employee recorded the license plate number and reported the incident to a supervisor, who was able to locate surveillance video footage of the incident. CO Kiel reviewed the video which clearly showed the subject walking out of the store, enter his vehicle, and drive away. Another camera showed the same individual driving through the empty back of the parking lot then quickly swerve directly into the family of geese. The brake lights never came on. CO Kiel drove to the

subject's residence and observed him outside his residence, cleaning his vehicle. During the interview, the subject admitted that he was not sorry about what he had done and that Canada geese should go back to Canada. Enforcement action will be taken; warrants are being sought.